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CARTOGRAPHY DIVISION, ORR

The Cartography Division as now constituted resulted from the merger of the Cartography Section, OSS, and the Cartography Section, Department of State in late 1945. In December 1947, the Division was transferred to CIA and incorporated into ORE. Since that date it has been an essential unit within the larger component. The Office of Reports and Estimates was replaced by the Office of Research and Reports in November 1950 and the Geographic Area was established within the ORR in August 1952. Prior to that date, the Cartography Division was a Branch within the Geography Division, ORR. With the establishment of the Geographic Area, ORR, the Cartography Branch became a Division and has remained such to date.

In addition to the major change of status from a Branch to a Division, organizational changes have occurred within the Division since November 1950. The present Graphics Branch, D/GC, was transferred to the Division in May 1951 and has provided the Agency with visual aid support to the limit of its capability since that date. The Special Support Branch was established in the Division in September 1951 and assigned space and responsibilities in the Special Center. It has functioned in this capacity to date. In recognition of a marked increase in the demand for cartograms and charts, a Cartographic Aid Section was established in the Division in December 1952. This unit has proved very successful and produced many hundreds of units of work since it was organized in 1952.

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A regional concept in the compilation of maps was adopted in the fall of 1952. This was a logical development resulting from many years of professional growth in the Division. Concurrent with this, was the official recognition of the part geography played in the production of intelligence maps. As a result, standards were established calling for the employment of professional-trained geographers as professional cartographers in the Division. At present the official classification title is Geographer/Cartographic which adequately describes the professional cartographer in D/GC. Another example of professional growth in the Division was the establishment of a formal training program whereby all new personnel are given approximately 8 weeks of concentrated training in learning the techniques and procedures employed by the Division. This training program is well organized and has shown remarkable results. It was established in the fall of 1950 at approximately the time ORE was succeeded by ORR. It was the outgrowth, however, of many years of experience prior to that date.

Personnel in the Cartography Division have represented the Agency's interest in this field at several international mapping conferences and have on one occasion assisted in the coordination of the NIS program at a Far East installation. A professional member of the Division has recently departed for a 2-year assignment at ^{25X1X7} [REDACTED] and the Chief of the Division represents the Agency on the Board on Geographic Names.

Briefly stated, the Cartography Division provides the Agency with cartographic support and to a certain degree with visual aid (graphic) support. The type of map produced by the Division is of a non-topographic nature, usually of medium to small scale, and is tailor-made to support intelligence production. Maps, cartograms, charts, visual aids, and graphic items

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of numerous types are produced by the Division supporting all components of the Agency. A series of base maps for the NIS program are currently being compiled and constructed and will be used by all contributors to the program. In addition, numerous substantive maps are prepared for the NIS program, many of which are for the Department of State. The Division also provides considerable support to the non-NIS areas of the Department of State, especially the Office of Intelligence Research. Within the past 2 years, the assignment of projects for the DD/P Area, both directly and indirectly, has increased markedly. Many such maps are prepared for inclusion in D/GG geographic reports. During the same period the number of requests for support from the Economic Area, ORR, has increased very rapidly. This increased demand prompted the establishment of the Cartographic Aid Section in December 1952. At the current rate of production, the Division is producing approximately 1,800 separate items per year of which 88% are for CIA and 12% for non-CIA, primarily the Department of State. It is significant to note that in FY 1951, only ^{76.5%}~~52%~~ of the total production was in support of CIA and ^{23.5%}~~48%~~ outside. Another factor to be recognized is the fact that in FY 1951, only ¹⁰~~9~~ components of CIA were supported; FY 1954 shows 20 separate units in CIA requesting support. The Division had 39 persons on duty in FY 1951 and has increased to 54 in FY 1954. Fiscal 1955 calls for a T/O of 58 persons. In summary, the accomplishments of the Division during the past 4 years can best be stated by noting the fact that currently the production is very high, the support is concentrated in CIA, and that such support is wide-spread throughout all components of the Agency.

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